

Applicant

BERZINS, Alfreds
% Mr. King
167 Fairmont Ave.,
Chatham, N.J.

Born - District of Valmiera, 1899 - Latvia

Education

Graduated High School in Valka
Studied Riga Commerce Institute

Career

Arrested by Bolshevik revolutionary regime organizations, 1918, for patriotic activities in Latvian youth organizations.
Joined Latvian National Guerrillas after escaping from prison

Joined Latvian National Army and participated in war of liberation with rank of Lieutenant.

Journalist with a number of Latvian Newspapers

Member of Latvian Saeima, parliament, 1930 as representative Farmers' Union.
Member of Latvian Cabinet of Ministers since 1934. Minister of Social Affairs - June 17, 1940

Fled to Sweden via Estonia and Finland. Representative for Latvian exiles in Sweden; conference of Latvian Ministers and Envoys at Geneva, 1940.

Arrested by Nazis in Berlin, imprisoned in No. 44 Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp in Berlin, 1941

Escaped to Jena March, 1945. Lived in DP Camps till 1950, working as journalist and members of anti-Bolshevik exile organizations.

Emigrated to the U.S. on the basis of DP Act. Arrived New York August 24, 1950

Wife, son and daughter have been deported to Siberia by the Soviet secret police.

Languages: Latvian, Russian, Ukrainian, German

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